Liquidity	Trading in secondary market through proposed listing on National Stock Exchange.

Restriction on 180, 197 and 198 services of Fatehpur Exchange

†907. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered to suspend the call booking service on 180 from Fatehpur (U.P.) exchange and to connect it from Kanpur and has limited the services on 197 and 198 upto 8.00 p.m.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) 180 Trunk Booking Service has been rerouted to Kanpur Computerized Digital Trunk Manual Exchange for the optimal traffic management & the proper utilization of manpower. 197 Service of Fatehpur SSA is being operated round the clock at Fatehpur. The computerized Fault Repair Service '198' with Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) is working at Fatehpur Telephone exchange round the clock.

Post Offices with speed post facility in Maharashtra

908. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices with speed post facility presently operating in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more speed post centres to cope up with the increasing demand; and

(c) if so, by when and the locations where these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

number of post offices with speed post facility operating in Maharashtra district-wise is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Speed Post is a premium product and is run on commercial considerations. Expansion of this network is an on-going process, depending on market situation, assessment of the need, the anticipated revenue and transport network.

Statement

Number of Post Offices with speed post facility in Maharashtra Circle

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total Number of Post Offices with speed post facility	Total Number of National Speed Post Centre	Total Number of State Speed Post Centre
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Mumbai	84	1	NIL
2.	Thane	25	1	6
3.	Raigad	19	NIL	11
4.	Aurangabad	31	1	NIL
5.	Dhule	33	NIL	1
6.	Nandurbar	21	NIL	NIL
7.	Jalgaon	80	NIL	4
8.	Jalna	20	NIL	1
9.	Latur	8	NIL	1
10.	Nanded	20	NIL	1
11.	Nasik	69	1	2
12.	Osmanabad	15	NIL	3
13.	Parbhani	10	NIL	1
14.	Hingoli	5	NIL	NIL
15.	Beed	26	NIL	NIL
16.	Pune	14	1	11
17.	Ahmednagar	24	NIL	5
18.	Solapur	10	NIL	2
19.	Satara	16	NIL	4
20.	Amravati	8	NIL	1
21.	Buldhana	4	NIL	1
22.	Chandrapur	7	NIL	1
23.	Gadchiroli	2	NIL	1
24.	Yeotmal	3	NIL	1
25.	Wardha	5	NIL	1
26.	Nagpur	55	1	1

1	2	3	4	5
27.	Gondia	2	NIL	1
28.	Bhandara	3	NIL	1
29.	Washim	6	NIL	1
30.	Akola	10	NIL	NIL
31.	Sangli	9	NIL	2
32.	Kolhapur	8	NIL	2
33.	Ratnagiri	13	NIL	4
34.	Sindhudurg	5	NIL	4

Village Public Telephones

909. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have presented and claimed that 4,68,862 villages have been provided with VPTs by the end of March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether BSNL has provided 4,68,016 VPTs while six private operators are reported to have provided 846 VPTs;

(c) whether according to the reports, 1,39,475 villages are yet to be provided with VPTs;

(d) if so, the reasons for variations between Government and private figures;

(e) the actual position thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to see that actual figures are provided in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has stated that 4,68,862 villages have been provided with VPTs by 31st March, 2002 in the country out of which BSNL has provided 4,68,016 VPTs while six Private Basic Service Operators have provided 846 VPTs.

(c) No, Sir. There are only 1,29,198 numbers of villages in the country where VPTs are to be provided as of 31.3.2002.

(d) and (e) The difference in total number of uncovered villages as per the said report & Government statistics is due to the fact that the said